



Africa Day

May 25, 2010

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1963, thirty-one African leaders convened a summit to found the Organization of African Unity (now African Union); and each May 25 since then is celebrated as "Africa Day;" and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is home to thousands of African immigrant residents and their families who represent diverse cultural, religious, and political backgrounds, speaking hundreds of different languages or dialects, and have enriched the cultural fabric of our world-class city; and

WHEREAS, the African diplomatic corps helps District residents to learn about and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of people from all the countries of Africa; and

WHEREAS, Africa Day is an opportunity to increase awareness within the wider community about the cultures, issues of concern, and important contributions of African immigrant communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2010, as "AFRICA DAY" in Washington, DC, and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in saluting the African immigrant community.

Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia

